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Return might be good move for wrong reason

By JOHN ROOD
Editor

The University of Nebraska Board of Regents' decision Jan. 14 to transfer student records back to the three NU campuses might be a good move for the wrong reason.

The records, which are currently stored in the NU administration's IBM computer, would be moved back to the campuses in six months as part of a resolution introduced by Regent Margaret Robinson. Robinson, of Norfolk, said the move is intended to improve financial aid processing.

But according to UNO Financial Aid Director J. Phillip Shreves, any problem at the three campuses probably isn't due to an NU computer storage problem.

"We've had absolutely no UNO complaints about the (storage) system at all," Shreves said.

Students, he said, have been complimentary about the system, which stores student records. The only complaint administrators have is that the NU system can sometimes become "maxed out" when administrators at all three campuses are using it.

"That happens very rarely," Shreves said.

Although financial aid processing problems have been minimal at UNO, Shreves said, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln has had problems recently.

"It's my understanding that Lincoln has had some very serious problems," he said.

In UNL's case, though, the problem hasn't been with storage, but with software and personnel, he added.

"I think the trouble that they're having is with a new (soft-

ware) system and turnover of staff," he said.

Because of a vacancy in UNL's financial aid office, one person, John Beacon, directs both the admissions and financial aid offices.

Shreves said student records from all three campuses are stored separately, but in the same computer. The schools then use separate software packages to manipulate the information.

"I don't have access to UNL student records and they don't have access to ours," he said.

Although UNO has been able to avoid many of the problems that have plagued UNL, UNO's director of Campus Computing says that moving the records back to the campuses should benefit the entire university.

"It's a good deal for UNO and the University of Nebraska," Richard Snowden said.

UNO will need to purchase an additional computer to store the records, but the system should pay for itself within five years, due to savings on personnel costs, long distance phone line charges to Lincoln, and maintenance costs, he said.

Besides a cost savings, UNO should realize other advantages from the move, he added.

"It should take some of the load off of central administration computing," he said.

Because the computer in Lincoln was close to overloading, the Board of Regents approved the purchase of a second \$1.3 million machine to ease central administration's processing burden.

Computer needs on all three campuses are growing so fast that it still makes sense to purchase a new machine at UNO, he said.

"It (growth) would be much easier to manage," Snowden said.

Part of the problem in Lincoln, Snowden said, has been last semester's addition of a university-wide business computing system.

"The new financial management package brought it (the IBM computer) to its knees," he said.

In order to store the records, Snowden said UNO would need to purchase a computer that operated in Digital Equipment Corporation's VAX operating environment, instead of IBM's environment. A VAX-type machine would cost about \$325,000.

VAX-like machines are better equipped to handle the records function than IBM, he said. "It IBM is really more of a business machine," he said.

"We would buy a lot smaller computer, but for our purposes, it would be a lot faster," Snowden said.

As computers have become more "user friendly," Snowden said the need for maintenance and other technical people has sharply decreased.

"Five years ago, it was wise to centralize," he said.

Today, he said, it is wiser to decentralize the computing system rather than make the campuses battle for valuable computer time.

"The average user can do all the things the high-paid technical person did five years ago," Snowden said.

Students return to renovations

By ROB HELLING
Staff Reporter

The Student Center welcome students back from Christmas break with a new, refreshed look.

According to Student Center Director Guy Conway, \$6,000 worth of renovations were completed while students were gone over Christmas break.

The lounge in front of Health Services and Student Government received a much needed, and well deserved, revamping. Besides a fresh coat of paint, a colorful peach and blue graphic was added to the hallway wall. The furniture in the lounge was recovered and the carpeting replaced students returning for classes liked what they saw.

Tim McGee, a sophomore business major, said, "This looks great. It's nice to see the university is bringing the Student Center into the '80s."

Charmane Johnson, who has not declared a major, also liked the improvements. "The picture on the wall is a great improvement over regular white walls," she said.

Tony Reynolds, a junior physical education major, was impressed with the administration's plan to brighten things up.

"I like the way the administration is finally spending some money on this place; it was getting to be in pretty bad shape and in need of help."

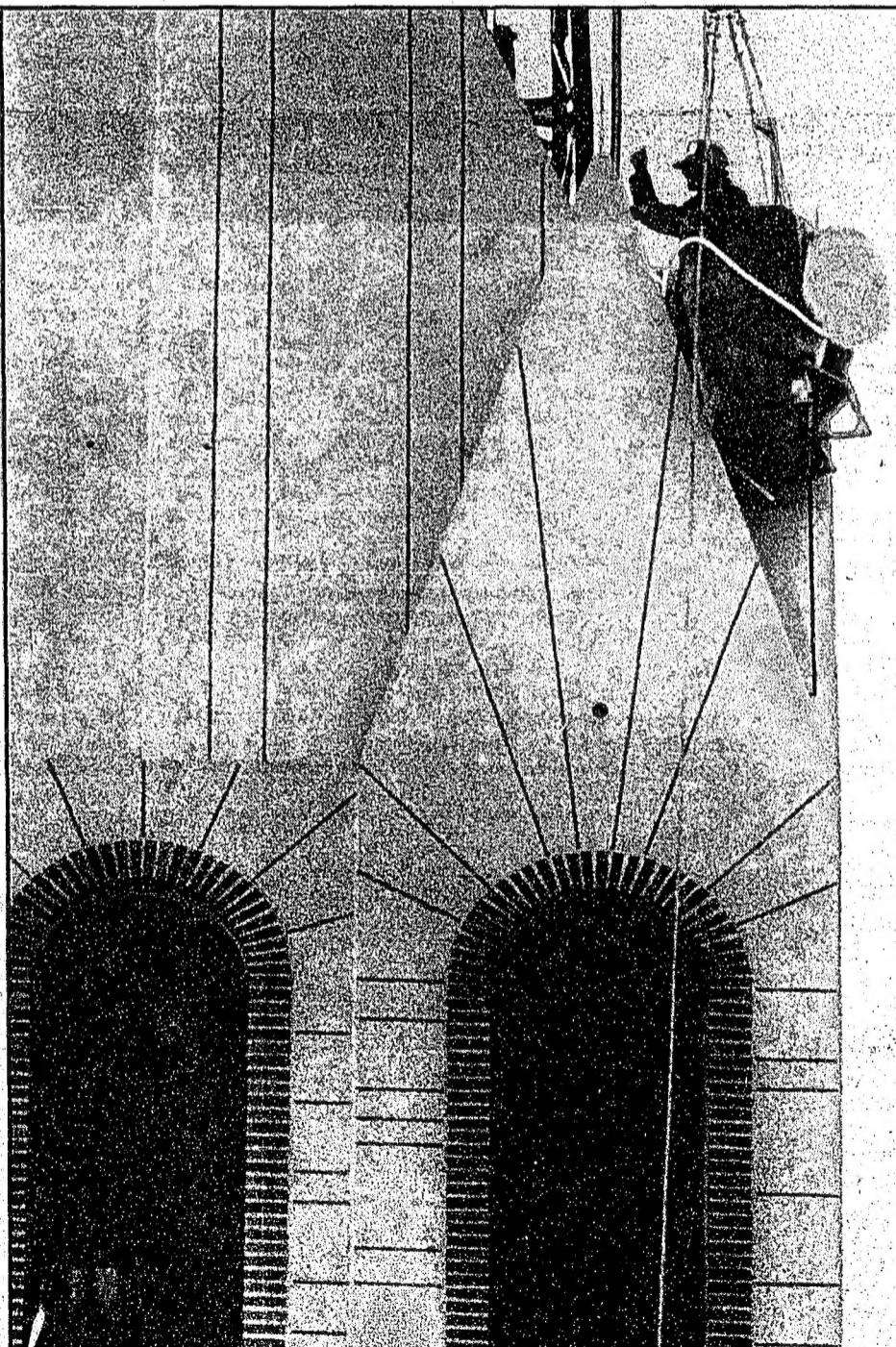
"The Student Center is a place where students can relax in between classes and get away from the pressures of homework and tests, and meet with friends to have a good time," he said.

"With this place being cleaned up and modernized, it will be a lot more comfortable," he said. "I hope they do more in the future."

The Student Center started receiving its new look last summer when the game room and surrounding areas were brightened up with a new coat of paint, and pictures were added to the walls.

Conway hopes for more improvements in the future. "The Donut Hole will be next, providing the funding is there," he said. "Maybe next summer, since it is closed down for the summer sessions."

Conway said other possible future renovations would include improvements to the restrooms and to the stairwells.



Caulk around the clock

Heinrich Jimeson puts the finishing touches on one of the timepieces atop the Henningson Memorial Campanile.

Campus Security's Swank forecasts fewer problems

By BRAD THIEL
Staff Reporter

Parking problems continued to plague some UNO students this semester.

Ak-Sar-Ben shuttle bus service continues in an attempt to reduce parking congestion. An increased number of afternoon classes are also being offered as a measure to reduce the problem.

Charles Swank, manager of Campus Security, said this semester's parking situation should improve over last semester.

"We're really not having that much of a problem," Swank said.

Senior Mary Albright arrived on campus 10 minutes before her 8:30 a.m. class, and had no problem finding a space in the parking structure located south of Arts and Sciences Hall.

Not everyone was as fortunate as Albright. For some students, the first minutes of morning classes were spent driving around the west end of campus searching for that coveted slot.

"Freshmen should be forced to take mandatory shuttle rides," senior Marc Deats said. The shuttle bus was reinstated last fall for the first time since 1985 in an attempt to reduce parking congestion.

Senior Gary Davis agreed with Deats.

"All freshmen should have to park at Ak-Sar-Ben and ride the bus," he said. "Having afternoon classes isn't going to solve anything, because we all have jobs in the afternoon. If we didn't, we'd be going to Lincoln. We'd be partying right now."

Swank said the use of the shuttle is "up slightly, but not very much."

Swank declined to comment on whether this semester's experiment of adding extra freshman level classes to the afternoon schedule is working.

"It's just too early to tell," Swank said.

Last semester's parking dilemma was attributed to an increase in enrollment. Swank said he doubts a repeat of fall's parking problems.

"The spring semester is never as bad as the fall," Swank said.

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TV no longer bewitches columnist

If working on The Gateway these last two years has taught me anything, it's been this: Deadlines are a hell of a good way to kill time.

That's why, during UNO's abysmally long Christmas break, I nearly lost my mind with boredom on Sundays and Tuesdays. I know it's about weird, but I like to be busy. I like to be doing something all of the time. I can't abide sitting around with no specific place to go or no specific thing to do. But I finally weakened under my mother's constant whines of, "You're never home. We don't claim you as a daughter anymore. The pets have forgotten you. Why can't you just sit down and do nothing for a change like other girls your age?"

So feeling like the man without a country, or the woman without an annex, I did the American thing. I watched TV.

Now don't get me wrong. I am not a television person. I eschew TV unless pushed to desperate levels of entertaining myself. In fact, the last clear memories I have of television are J.R. getting shot and Mork trying to seduce Mindy somewhere in the mountains of Colorado.

Deana Vodicka
 Gateway Columnist

But during those dark December days of desperate floundering, I decided to try and be like the typical, lazy, average American and sit down after coming home from work. And I discovered something interesting. Television had changed during the last few years. Of course, one has to expect change in everything over the course of 10 years, but I mean that television had really changed. It ... well, the only word I can think of to describe it would be *barbaric*. A rash of what I call the new sleaze shows. The National Enquirer for the illiterate.

If you've been even marginally aware of what's going on around you the last 12 years or so, you've probably heard of Stephen King. So he writes about possessed dogs. And possessed cars. But he also published a collection of novels a while back under the name of Richard Bachman that was really pretty good.

One of the stories was titled the "Running Man." I think Arnold "The Bod" starred in the movie version. It described a futuristic world where television preyed on man's baser nature and game shows were taken as gospel. These shows elicited the same kind of response that slowing down at an accident scene to see how much guts and gore are spread around does. Awe. Horror. Surreal fascination that it was a total stranger instead of you.

Some examples of shows in his story were "Treadmill to Bucks," which accepted only chronic heart patients as contestants; "Swim the Crocodiles" and "How Hot Can You Take It?" shows which need no explanation.

I read this story thinking, "Oh, isn't that clever. The ultimate game show is one where the losing contestant dies. Ha ha."

The only frightening thing is that the shows I watched over break bore an eerie resemblance to the ones in this book.

Take, for example, "A Current Affair." On the surface, this show seems quite legitimate, covering angles of little known scandals and long-forgotten news stories. But there's a sinister side to it, too. The episode I saw featured an "in-depth" report on the Preppie Murder Case. Rich boy kills

rich girl. Rich boy goes on trial. Rich boy blames it on dangerous sexual positions. The producers of this show make it a kind of You-decide-if-he's-guilty-or-not-depending-on-the-footage-of-his-private-life-we-feed-you.

But by far the most outrageous show currently on the tube is "Unsolved Mysteries." This is one in which unsolved mysteries are re-opened, dramatized for the viewing audience, peppered with interviews from family members and loved ones, and then comes the fun part. Audience members actually get to participate in catching the criminal. Yep. Big Brother is finally making a comeback in 1989. Old photos and footage of The Criminal are flashed across the screen along with an 800-number for audience members to call if they think they've seen The Criminal lurking around their home town.

I can just imagine it. Entire families sitting in front of their 24-inch television sets Wednesday nights, salivating in front of "Unsolved Mysteries," fighting to see who gets to turn on their next door neighbor or paperboy first.

Now, I'm not claiming sainthood. I'm a self-proclaimed horror-movie aficionado. But that stuff isn't real. I can take ghosts and demons and junk with no problem. I can take possessed dolls roaring obscenities. I can even take psychos wielding a hacksaw in one hand and an ice-pick in the other, skewering young Greek freshmen to death in the latest teenage-sex/horror flick.

The thing I can't take is the realization that this rash of sleaze shows is on TV because people want to see *real* psychos stringing up their victims. As well as the aftermath. If human compassion is mirroring the route of today's television shows, or vice versa, I don't want any part of it. Everyday life is bad enough with the legitimate coverage of these events. But let the citizens with no life sit around and soak up this stuff. If they all band together, they may even be able to convince the networks to televise executions and abortions.

I think I'll just content myself with pushing for more reruns of "Bewitched."

Surprise resolution sets dangerous precedent

A resolution passed by the Board of Regents Jan. 14 may be in the best interests of the University of Nebraska. But will it accomplish what it was intended to do?

Regent Margaret Robinson of Norfolk introduced a surprise motion to return student records currently stored in a central administration computer to the three NU campuses. Robinson said the move was intended to improve processing financial aid information by locating the data closer to students at each of the three campuses.

But a check with computing and financial aid administrators seems to indicate the problems are a lack of manpower on all three campuses and program glitches at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln ... not storage of records in the central administration computer.

Still, administrators at UNO say the move should result in increased efficiency and convenience for the three campuses. The problem is not with the result of the resolution, but the way in which it was passed.

Editorial

First-time chairperson Nancy Hoch erred when she agreed to allow Robinson to introduce the item. Ordinarily, regents review major changes at least one meeting in advance of taking action on them. If an emergency item presents itself, copies of the resolution are ordinarily passed out prior to the meeting so regents can see what they are asked to vote on.

Hoch ignored the Board's operating procedure. The result, despite many good intentions, was the passage of a poorly-studied, poorly-worded proposal.

Language in the resolution states that in six months, student records are to be returned to each of the respective campuses.

Does that mean the moving process is to be started in six months? Or, does it mean it will be completed in six months? Even after approving the measure, regents seemed unsure.

After erring in allowing the item to be discussed, Hoch should have sought to table the resolution, or at least clarified what the board intended to pass.

Another solution might have been to amend the resolution to study the idea, as Regent Kermit Hansen hoped to do. Even Robinson appeared ready to accept Hansen's motion and withdraw her own early on in the debate. Instead, the board got off on a tangent while attempting to define the original motion and voted to kill Hansen's offering.

Earlier in the meeting, Hansen was nominated for the chairperson's position, which Hoch won on a 5-3 vote. Traditionally, the most experienced regent not previously selected as chairperson is chosen to lead by the board. Hoch was next in line. Hansen had already served.

Could sour grapes have kept Hoch from supporting Hansen's motion?

As chairperson, Hoch had a responsibility to slow the board down long enough to think about its actions. This is especially the case when one considers two of the eight regents were voting in their first meeting and two of three student regents were newly in attendance.

No studies or time tables were prepared. No cost studies were prepared. Worst of all, no one checked to see if moving the records would solve the financial aid problem. Or, if a financial aid problem even existed anywhere besides the UNL campus.

The board did not just miss the forest for the trees. It missed the trees. And the grass.

This time, the regents were lucky.

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Student Farm Conference

The Third National Student Farm Action Conference will be held Jan. 27-28 at the Iowa State University Memorial Union in Ames. The conference is sponsored by Students Empowered for Rural Action (SER). Registration deadline is Jan. 21. For more information call (515) 244-5671.

Search for disabled people

The Meyer Children's Rehabilitation Institute (MCRI) of the Medical Center is looking for individuals with severe disabilities to take part in a national survey to determine the types of services available for them. To be selected for the survey, individuals must need substantial assistance in three of the five following areas — self care, communication, mobility, life management and learning. For more information call 559-5738.

Cancer

Beginning Feb. 12, the Medical Center, in cooperation with the American Cancer Society, will provide a free tele-

phone service to answer questions about cancer. Cancer HelpLink phone counselors are trained oncology nurses who can provide information about symptoms, side effects, support services and coping skills. They cannot, however, provide a diagnosis of cancer. The toll-free number will be in service from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information about Cancer HelpLink, call 559-4353.

Pediatric oncologist wins award

Dr. Peter F. Coccia, professor of pediatrics and chief of the pediatric hematology/oncology section at the Medical Center, has been named the first recipient of the Ittner Professorship in Pediatric Oncology. Coccia, who is also director of the pediatric bone marrow transplant program, came to the Medical Center in 1987 after seven years as associate professor of pediatrics and clinical pathology at Case Western University.

Brown Bag Luncheon

The University Committee on International Affairs will

present a Brown Bag Luncheon Jan. 27 at 12 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom. Olga Lusnikov, an instructor in Soviet and Comparative Economics, will be the guest speaker. She will discuss the impact of Gorbachev's reforms on various groups in the Soviet Union.

Beck Scholarship

The deadline for applications for the Paul Beck Scholarship is Jan. 30. Two scholarships are available — a \$500 scholarship for a full-time student, and a \$250 grant for an undergraduate student. For more information call the Financial Aid Office at 554-2327.

Graduation check

Faculty members are asked to remind graduate students who are planning to graduate May 13 that they must apply for their degree in the Registrar's office by Mar. 24. Graduate students are encouraged to verify that all materials necessary for graduation are on file at the the graduate studies and research office, 554-2341.

May employment opportunities pick up steam

By MICHELLE FLYR
Staff Reporter

The job market in Omaha appears to be promising for graduates this year, according to Bob Gibson, director of Career Planning and Placement Services at UNO.

"For the past two years, the job market in Omaha has been relatively good," Gibson said. "However, the competition for jobs is tough. Many people who left the state to receive their degrees want to return and work in Omaha," he added.

Gibson predicts that if the larger companies, such as Mutual of Omaha, ConAgra and Union Pacific, do well, then the job market will improve.

"For the most part, Omaha follows the national trends. If there is growth everywhere else, there certainly will be in Omaha," he

said.

"The growth downtown will also help create jobs," Gibson said.

Nebraska recently passed legislative bill 775, which gives tax breaks to companies who hire many employees, hoping "to promote the creation and retention of new jobs in Nebraska."

"The highest number of positions available will be in management or management trainee," Gibson said.

Accounting, computer science, engineering and sales are also fields that are in great demand in the Omaha area. No particular field is better or worse when a person is looking for a job. "The market is tough everywhere," he said.

"Each person must decide what he or she wants," Gibson said. "Don't worry about the job market. Do what you want to do."

Salaries have gone up slightly, but they are not increasing at a rapid rate. Due to the lower cost of living in Omaha, the percentage of increase may not be as high here as in other places.

"At the age of 18, it is hard to decide what you want to do with the rest of your life," he said. "If students would do more research, they would have an easier time making up their mind."

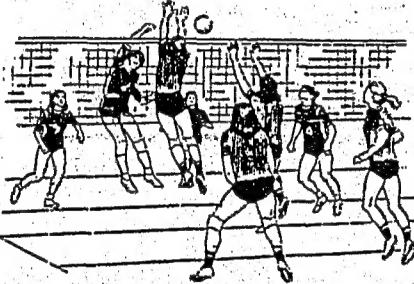
Gibson suggested students look at the job market and decide what type of work they want. They should also spend a good deal

of time studying. When applying for a job, "good grades make a difference," Gibson said.

Many firms are already recruiting graduates. For example, ConAgra is looking for students with degrees in accounting and finance. The sales market is also looking for employees.

"Seniors should begin networking early," Gibson said. "They should set goals and try to reach them. Most students do not do this, because they are too worried about getting a job."

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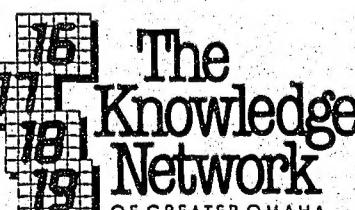


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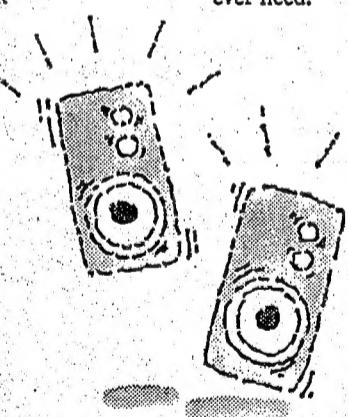
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Sigourney Weaver is Katharine Parker, a seductive, treacherous executive in "Working Girl."

'Working Girl' rates visit

"Working Girl" is a great pleasure to experience. Aided by a clever script, Mike Nichols' new film showcases the noteworthy talents of Melanie Griffith as the film's feisty and determined protagonist.

It opens as Tess (Melanie Griffith) joins the mass of humanity as they begin their work day in Manhattan.

returns to the job counselor (Olympia Dukakis in a cameo role), whom she has obviously visited on more than one occasion.

Frustrated with Tess's frequent job changes — we understand that they are not instigated by any inappropriate behavior on her part — the counselor sends her off on yet another job. This is where the movie takes more twists and turns, as Tess begins work for high-powered executive Katharine Parker (Sigourney Weaver).

Harrison Ford gives a performance that deserves mention. He plays Jack Trainer, a driven yet gentle man who demonstrates more respect for Tess than she is accustomed to receiving.

It's all well-plotted, and "Working Girl" features moments of great humor. With its intriguing character portraits, involved plot and excellent performances, it is a film well worth seeing.

Elizabeth Tape
Cinema

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Colleges battle streaking, spelling, political ignorance

(CPS) — Only 50.1 percent of the nation's eligible voters cast ballots in November's presidential election, but that sorry performance looks like democracy incarnate next to the results of a December poll at Iowa State University:

There, 61 percent of the students couldn't name the president of the student body.

Doug Martin, who is in fact president of the Government of the Student Body (GSB), said it's because he's such a good leader. "Controversy makes the president more well known," Martin told the ISU Daily. "We've been in tune with the students, so there's been less controversy."

Fifty-five percent of the students asked by Project Input, a campus group, didn't know

what the student government did.

Why Officials Think Students Are Happy

The University of Arizona's Forensics team, ranked among the Top 20 in the land, concluded in a Nov. 30 debate that UA's "Year of the Undergraduate" program — aimed at getting students to help administrators learn about and solve student classroom problems — failed because UA administrators forgot to tell undergraduates how they could submit complaints.

Maybe They Should Give A Degree For Spelling

The University of Wisconsin awarded almost 4,000 diplomas in May 1988, and all of them had the state's name misspelled.

No one apparently noticed until late November, when a student showed UW Assistant Registrar Rosa Johnson that, in the lower right-hand corner of the diplomas, the state was listed as "Wisconsin."

Johnson said she would ask Josten's, the company that produced the diplomas, to print new ones for free.

And From The Annals Of Good Taste:

Four University of Michigan freshmen pleaded "no contest" Dec. 15 to charges of running naked through the Gamma Phi Delta sorority house two weeks earlier, stealing underwear from it and demanding that the house's residents — a little frightened by several recent rapes in and around campus — sign their buttocks to prove to their fraternity brothers they had been there.

School Spirit

At Ohio State, Michigan's bitter football rival, fans demonstrated they're no less sensitive to other people's feelings than their fraternal peers in Ann Arbor.

In preparation for the season-ending UM-OSU football game, OSU's Sigma Pi fraternity sold "Bone Bo" t-shirts that featured a

drawing of Michigan coach Bo Schembechler bent over with his pants down, and an OSU football player carrying a big bone running up behind him.

A variety of campus groups, from the Interfraternity Council to the Rape Education and Prevention program, blasted the shirts as "trivializing rape" and suggestive of "gay bashing."

There was no suggestion of violence at the University of Virginia. Instead, there was the real thing.

UV's Pep Band "trampled" University of Maryland Terrapin mascot Scott Rudolph just before the Nov. 19 Virginia-Maryland football game. In the process, Virginia mascot Chris Dey threw Rudolph to the ground, breaking Rudolph's elbow.

Rudolph hopes to return to his mascot suit and the sidelines later in January, when doctors say they can remove his cast.



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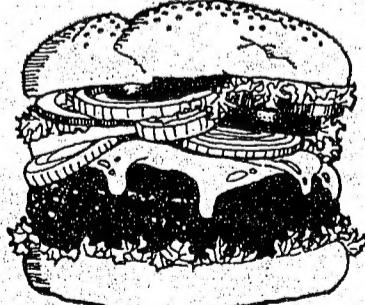
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Doesn't let cerebral palsy get in her way

Grit, determination keep Kathy on track

By LORI SAFRANEK
Contributing Writer

She can't get her books out of her bag, and her disease makes it almost impossible to do something as simple as removing her coat in class.

But these are mere inconveniences to UNO sophomore Kathy Karstens, who is confined to a wheelchair by cerebral palsy. The 22-year-old faces these dilemmas, and many others, during a typical school day.

"I'm trying, but a lot of other people are trying, too," she said. "It's not 'good' that I'm going to college — anymore than anyone else. I'm doing what everybody has to do if they want a good job."

Karstens has been disabled since birth. She attended the J.P. Lord Elementary School for disabled children until she was admitted to Westside High School. In 1986, a year after graduation, she started at UNO.

Karstens said her first day was much like anybody else's, except she had to find the accessible entrances to all the buildings.

"I think I made it to one of four classes that day," she said, laughing. Eventually, she became familiar with the campus.

"Sometimes, the accessibility on campus is pretty bizarre, but I get around," she said. "If I don't drive myself into a snowbank, that is."

Her cerebral palsy involves very limited function in her entire right side, and some limitation of her left side and extensor tone, which means that her muscles will spasm in reaction to surprise, nervousness or cold. At times, her body can become rigid and she can slide out of her wheelchair.

Karstens also said that while most people lose what is called 'startle reflex' at six to eight weeks old, hers has not gone away. The slightest surprise can cause her to jump.

Karstens uses a motorized wheelchair, which she operates with a manual control switch on the arm of the chair. She said she can walk short distances, but only does so in her house.

"I used to walk a lot," she said. Surgery in 1980 set her physical progress back. "No one will ever see me walk outside my house now."

Her wheelchair is equipped with a seatbelt and leather toe-loops to keep her secure.

"With my extensor tone (muscle spasm), I could throw myself right out of my chair," she said. She added that sometimes her heels get sore from the pressure on them.

from tensing her body when she talks.

However, she said talking is the reason she has had little trouble making friends at UNO. She has also found that her disability makes it essential that she get help from other people.

"There are some things I have to have help with," she said. "I can't sit around and feel bad about it."

Unfortunately, Karstens said that sometimes those asked to help can make the situation even more uncomfortable for her.

"I find that sometimes we are easy prey for people who want to promote something," she said.

Once, a fellow student approached her, and tried to convince her to consider his religion. "He was like, 'Well, you know the Lord can heal you.'"

Karstens said that while some students are rude about her disability, many are just afraid and don't know anything about disabilities.

"I'd rather they came up to me and asked questions, rather than just stare and have misinformation," she said. "I think by the time a person is in college, they shouldn't do that, so I don't allow for that."

"But people might also stare at you because your shoes are funny looking," she added.

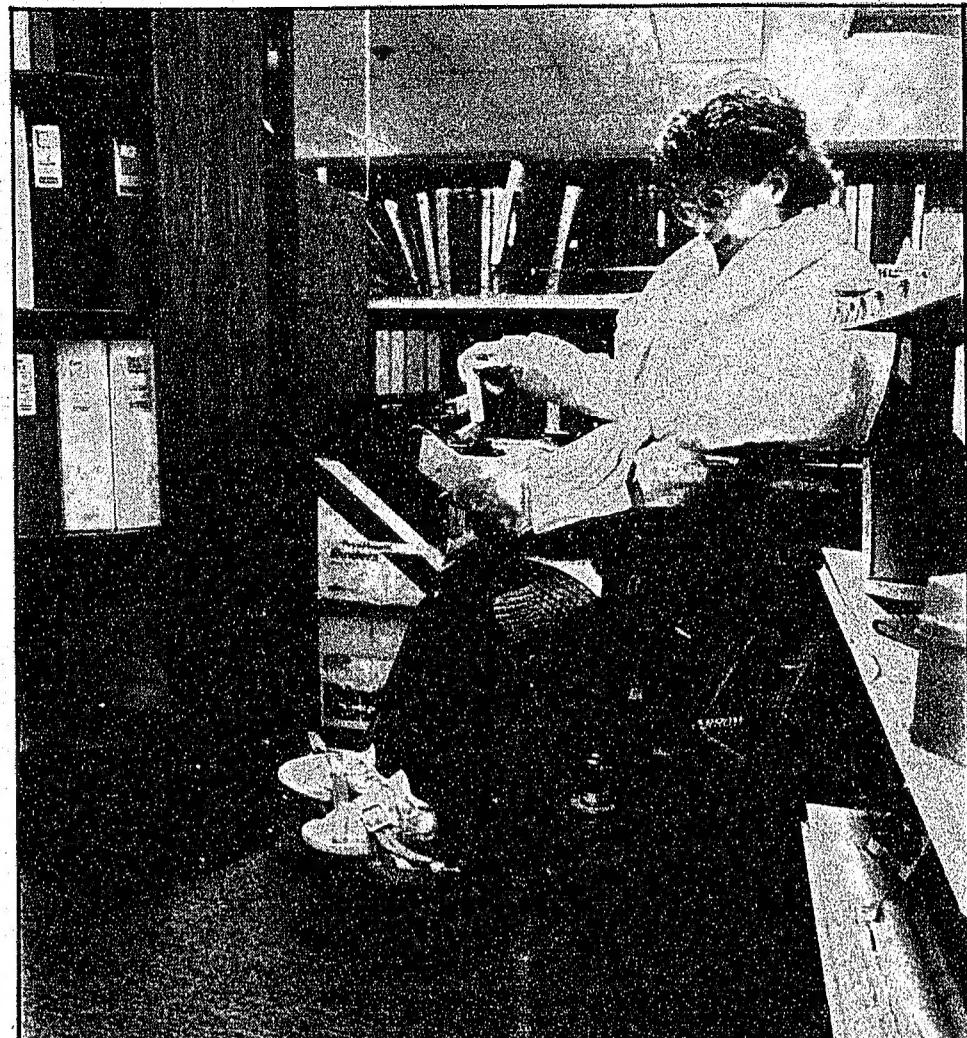
She also has had problems with people condescending to her, and pitying her. "It's like, 'Oh, that poor little girl.' It bugs me sometimes," she said.

Karstens said she has had problems with professors, as well as students. In an interpersonal communications class, a teacher offered to excuse her from seeing a film about disabled people and sexuality.

"He said, 'Since you obviously stick out in this category, would you be more comfortable seeing it privately?' I said, 'No, don't worry about it.' Then he asked me again right before we saw it. I said it was really no problem — the only problem would be that I might interject something."

"I just felt like he was trying to separate me from other students when I could really have taught them something," she said. "It's like having a black person in the room and showing a film about black people. If you're going to screen us out, start screening out people with blond hair, or with blue eyes."

Over all, Karstens said the hardest part of college for her has been accepting her grades, which are B's, C's and an occasional A.



— Dave Weaver

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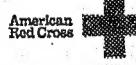
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Sports

New faces seek to swallow sour rivalry

By DAVID JAHR
Sports Editor

This year's wrestling team looks nothing like last year's, but it might be just as good.

A recent national wrestling rating ranks UNO eleventh. This is without five NCAA Division II All-Americans and six starters who battled on the mats for UNO last year.

"If you followed us last year, then follow us this year; you're going to say 'who's that guy?'"

Familiar faces R.J. Nebe, Brad Hildebrandt, Dave Pipkin, Steve Jakl, and Jeff Randall have completed their eligibility. Jessie Smith, Joe Wypiszenski, and Terry Wilson will be their replacements, UNO Coach Mike Denney said.

Only two wrestlers, both All-Americans, returned after last season's second place finish nationally. North Central Conference foe North Dakota State won the national championship. But Denney is confident Brian Thomas, Clark Schnepel and the group of new faces will compete for an NCC title.

This weekend, the Mavs host nationally ranked top-ten teams in North Dakota, No. 2, and North Dakota State, No. 8.

Denney said these two dual meets will gauge how good UNO's 3-1 dual record is. The Mavs only loss came to a Division I opponent, the University of Wyoming. UNO beat Northern Colorado, Central Missouri State and Division I Drake University.

Maverick Wrestling Starters

| Wt. | Name | Record |
|------|-----------------|---------|
| 118 | Chuck Valgora | 5-14 |
| 126 | Mark Passer | 10-4 |
| 134 | Pat Wilson | 6-7 |
| 142 | Kevin Phelps | 10-5 |
| 150 | Shawn Danker | 12-9 |
| 158 | Jessie Smith | 18-3 |
| 167 | Terry Wilson | 17-6 |
| 177 | Joe Wypiszenski | 21-6 |
| 190 | Dan Radik | 11-12-1 |
| Hwt. | Clark Schnepel | 17-4 |

"We're anxious to wrestle them (North Dakota, North Dakota State) and see where we're at," Denney said. "We think we're better than No. 11."

Denney, who is in his tenth year at UNO, said North Dakota is strongest in the heavier weights, beginning with 158-pound Kori Mosher.

Denney said Mosher, a two-time All-American, will be a good test for last week's NCC wrestler of the week, UNO's 158-pounder, Smith.

Calling Pocatello, Idaho home, Smith arrived at UNO after spending time at Northwest Wyoming Junior College. Denney said Smith really likes to get after his opponent.

"He really doesn't have an overdrive, he's always in overdrive," Denney said. "He's full-out, almost reckless."

Denney said the Mosher-Smith match will dictate how North Dakota wrestles.

"They are a kind of team that goes the way Kori/Mosher goes; he's the leader," Denney said.

If Denney is right, an upset may be in the making. Denney said he heard Mosher was injured and is questionable for Friday's 7 p.m. match.

Saturday's 2 p.m. match pits last year's conference and national champion, North Dakota State, against runner-up UNO.

Denney said Saturday's match is especially interesting, because in the last nine dual meetings with North Dakota State, UNO has never beaten them.

In fact, UNO has finished second to them in the conference tournament seven straight years, many times, Denney said, by the scrape of their teeth.

"It's a great, great rivalry," he said. "Some of our real outstanding duals were against North Dakota State."

After this weekend, Denney said he will know how his team rates in the conference, which may depend on heavyweight Clark Schnepel.

The heavyweight class is the last match of the meet. "I think both matches could come down to the heavyweight match," Denney said.

Schnepel, a returning two-time All-American, has his work cut out for him facing formidable opponents, Denney said. Both heavyweights from North Dakota and North Dakota State are also All-Americans.

Denney said that a last-match decision is like "riding the ragged edge." But added, "It should be fun, I really hope it does come down to the last match."



— Dave Weaver

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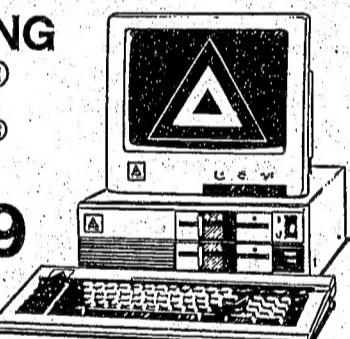


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Maverick hoopers look to turn tide to winning side

By MARK GREGORY
Staff Reporter

In non-conference action, the Lady Maverick basketball team takes on Doane College, while the men try to start a winning spark in Greeley, Colorado.

The women, 10-5 overall and 3-2 in conference play before they entered their North Central Conference matchup at Morningside last night, are home tomorrow night against Doane College.

The Tigers fell to the Lady Mavs a year ago 80-63, but UNO Coach Cherri Mankenberg said she expects Doane to give a good

effort in Omaha.

"I know they'll be fired up for this one," Mankenberg said. "It's not a conference game, but it should be a good one. They'll be coming in here thinking they can beat us, so we'll need to be ready and play our game."

UNO's Kathy Van Diepen scored 20 points in last year's game. Entering the '89 contest, Van Diepen is averaging five rebounds a game. Laura Larson and Darcy Burn both are grabbing six a game. Senior guard Jill Dau continues to lead UNO in scoring, with 15.2 points per game.

Mankenberg's club is coming off a split



— Dave Weaver

Rayna Wagley drives off a screen from Marsha Moore, No. 31. Saturday night, the Lady Mavs host the Doane College Tigers at 7:30 p.m.



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last weekend after whipping Mankato State 83-54 Friday, and falling to St. Cloud State 76-56 Saturday.

Tip-off is set for 7:30 p.m. at the field house.

The UNO men, 0-5 in NCC play before last night's Morningside game, stay on the road to play a 7:30 p.m. MST game at Northern Colorado tomorrow night.

After a quick 8-2 start, including the NCC Holiday Championship, the Mavs have had some hills to climb, as they proceeded to drop five in a row. The last two setbacks were in Omaha; a 63-60 loss to Mankato State, and a 83-78 loss to the defending conference champ, St. Cloud State.

But UNO Coach Bob Hanson isn't ready to throw in the towel just yet.

"We have to just come together as a group and do some things that will make us a good basketball team," Hanson said. "I've told the guys they've been playing hard, and that's all I can ask of them. If we keep playing like that, we'll be all right."

Last year, the Mavs split a pair of games with Northern Colorado winning 82-69, but dropping another close one 80-73.

The Bears enter the game 10-3 overall and 2-2 in league play after a victory over North Dakota 73-66, and a loss against North Dakota State 86-72.

UNO's 0-5 conference record is the school's worst since rejoining the NCC in 1977-78, and in an effort not to extend that mark, Hanson is expected to make a few adjustments in the starting line-up.

Sophomore guard Thor Palamore, averaging 16.1 points a game, and senior forward Tim Adamek, averaging 12.4 points a game, lead the Mav's in scoring and are both expected starters. Forward Dan Olson, center Troy Deane, and freshman Mike Harner are the other probable starters for the Mavericks in Greeley.

After returning home, UNO will open a four-game home stand against North Dakota State, Friday, Jan. 27.

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